


**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<p>In re the Application of:</p> <p>CHU, David Z.J.</p> <p><b>Serial No.:</b> 10/749,877</p> <p><b>Filed:</b> December 31, 2003</p> <p><b>For: EXPANDABLE SURGICAL RETRACTOR FOR INTERNAL BODY SPACES APPROACHED WITH MINIMALLY INVASIVE INCISIONS OR THROUGH EXISTING ORIFICES</b></p>	<p><b>Examiner:</b> Cary E. O'Connor</p> <p><b>Group Art Unit:</b> 3732</p> <p><b>Conf. No.:</b> 6326</p> <p><b>Docket No.:</b> 54435.8002.US01</p> <p><small>I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited this 20th of December 2006 with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</small></p> <p> Rena lov</p>
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**PETITION FOR 3-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Sir:

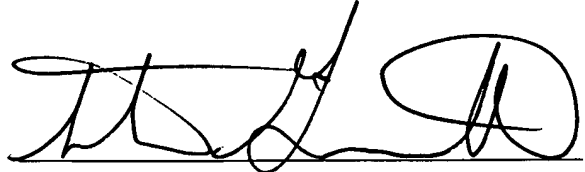
Applicant petitions for a 3-Month Extension of Time in which to respond to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed June 20, 2006, extending the period for response to December 20, 2006.

- ☒ Fee (37 CFR § 1.17(a) (2)): ☒ Small Entity: \$510.00.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the requisite fee to Deposit Account No. 50-2586.
- ☒ Applicants petition for an additional Extension of Time if necessary for timely filing of this petition and enclosures.

- ☒ Please charge any underpayment for timely consideration of this paper to  
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Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Giovannetti', written over a horizontal line.

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